

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Applicant withdraws all of the amendments to the specification made in the immediately previous Response ("Response to Office Action dated 7/1/2004").

Accordingly, Applicant removes the replacement ABSTRACT and replaces it with the following (which is the original ABSTRACT):

Described herein is an implementation of a technology for managing credentials. With an implementation, a credential manager is domain-authentication aware and concurrent authentications with multiple independent networks (e.g., domains) may be established and maintained. Moreover, a credential manager provides a credential model retrofit for legacy applications that only understand the password model. The manager provides a mechanism where the application is only a "blind courier" of credentials between the trusted part of the OS to the network and/or network resource. The manager fully insulates the application from "read" access to the credentials. This abstract itself is not intended to limit the scope of this patent. The scope of the present invention is pointed out in the appending claims.

1 Similarly, the previous response asked the Office to remove lines 1-
2 12 on page 15 and replace them to new text. Applicant rescinds that
3 amendment request.

4 Accordingly, Applicant asks for the newly added lines at p. 15, lines 1-12
5 to be removed and the original text to be restored. That action is depicted
6 below with the removed text being crossed-out and the restored original
7 text being underscored:

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9 ~~In addition, the following co-pending patent~~
10 ~~application is incorporated by reference herein: U.S. Patent~~
11 ~~Application Serial No. 09/316,899, entitled "Audio~~
12 ~~Watermarking with Dual Watermarks" filed on May 22,~~
13 ~~1999, and assigned to the Microsoft Corporation.~~

14 ~~The following commonly owned (by the Microsoft~~
15 ~~Corporation) U.S. Patents are incorporated by reference~~
16 ~~herein:~~

17 ~~• U.S. Patent No. 6,029,126, entitled "Sealable~~
18 ~~Audio Coder and Decoder" issued on February 22,~~
19 ~~2000;~~

20 ~~• U.S. Patent No. 6,487,574, entitled "A System and~~
21 ~~Method for Producing Modulated Complex Lapped~~
22 ~~Transforms" issued on November 26, 2002.~~

23 if (BytesToCopy > 2) {
24 CredpMarshalChar(Current,
Bits.BitValues.Bits4);

25 }
}

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3 **Blind Courier**

4 The exemplary cred-manager provides a mechanism
5 where the application is only a “blind courier” of credentials
6 between the TCB 150 and the domain and/or domain
7 resource. The manager fully insulates the application from
8 “read” access to the credentials. Therefore, the application
9 never knows the actual
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